Development of women

2258. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that development of women is still unachieved in rural areas and among vast multitudes of urban poor;

(b) if so, the fresh initiatives proposed to be taken by Government for the development of women in rural areas and the urban poor particularly those people who are below poverty line;

(c) whether Government allocated any amount for the development of women of these sectors during each of the last two years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the achievement made thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Development of women in rural and urban areas in the country is a continuous process.

(b) Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing several schemes such as Swayamsidha, Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP), Awareness Generation Projects, Condensed Course of Education etc. for development of women in rural and urban areas including women below poverty line.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The budget allocated for women's empowerment schemes of this Ministry and beneficiaries covered in the last two years are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Scheme	Budget allocated		Beneficiaries	
	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06
Swayamsidha	20.00	20.00	8,43,212	9,94,492
Swawlamban	25.00	15.00	28,480	36,700
STEP	25.00	15.00	15,900	34,575
Condensed Course of Education	5.97	7.38	14,625	17,500
Awareness Generation Projects	4.91	5.17	1,19,150	1,26,900